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SUMMARY. CARTER STATEMENT THAT AMERICA IS FULL PARTNER
AND IS PREPARED TO BEAR RISKS OF CAMP DAVID HIGHLIGHTED
IN AHRAM. ANIS MANSOUR SAYS U.S. DECLARATION THAT IT
FULL PARTNER AND HOLDING OF CAMP DAVID SUMMIT ARE
SERIOUS AND IMPORTANT. MANSOUR URGES U.S. TO DO WHAT
IS NECESSARY AND NOTES POSSIBILITY OF WAR EXISTS. AHRAM
DIPLOMATIC EDITOR SAYS SADAT WILL FLY TO VIENNA DIRECTLY
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AFTER CAMP DAVID AND THEN SPEND TWO DAYS IN SALZBURG.
STRONG AKHBAR EDITORIAL OF AUGUST 13 DENIES TASS
CHARGE THAT EGYPT SEEKING SEPARATE PEACE. ANIS MANSOUR
CRITICIZES BEGIN BUT IN Milder AND IMPERSONAL TERMS
THAN IN PAST. END SUMMARY.

1. CARTER STATEMENT. AHRAM AUGUST 14 REPORTS CARTER

INTERVIEW WITH "U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT" UNDER LEAD "AMERICA IS FULL PARTNER IN CRISIS AND IS PREPARED TO BEAR THE RISKS OF THE CAMP DAVID SUMMIT." ARTICLE PROMINENTLY REPORTS CARTER SAYING THAT RISKS OF CAMP DAVID ARE VERY GREAT, PARTICULARLY FOR HIM SINCE HIS NAME WOULD BE ASSOCIATED WITH ANY FAILURE. CARTER IS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT U.S. IS NOT MERELY A MESSENGER, THAT IT HAS DIRECT NATIONAL INTERESTS IN MIDDLE EAST AND THEREFORE HAS THE RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN DISCUSSIONS TO ESTABLISH PEACE. ARTICLE ALSO MENTIONS THAT CARTER PREPARED TO PROPOSE A COMPROMISE.

2. ANIS MANSOUR. "OCTOBER" EDITOR ANIS MANSOUR CALLS CAMP DAVID A SERIOUS DECISION WHICH REPRESENTS DIRECT AND POSITIVE U.S. PARTICIPATION. U.S. PRESIDENT ONLY PERSON QUALIFIED TO ACHIEVE PEACE; ANNOUNCEMENT BY U.S. THAT IT IS FULL PARTNER IS NO LESS SERIOUS AND IMPORTANT THAN SADAT VISIT TO JERUSALEM. WHILE POSSIBILITY OF FAILURE IS GREAT, MANSOUR SAID DECISION TO GO TO CAMP DAVID VITAL TO CARTER AS PRESIDENT AND TO U.S. AS COUNTRY. MANSOUR URGES U.S. TO DECIDE WHAT SACRIFICES IT IS NECESSARY TO MAKE THAT ISRAEL NOT BE DANGER TO PEACE AND DAMAGE U.S. INTERESTS. U.S. SHOULD BE AWARE THAT IF ARABS MEET AGAIN THEY MAY ADOPT MORE INTRANSIGENT STANDS AND ABANDON MODERATION. MANSOUR REMINDS HIS READERS THAT OCTOBER IS COMING AND THAT SADAT IS CAPABLE OF TAKING

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SURPRISING DECISIONS, EVEN ONE WHICH COULD SURPRISE AMERICA. IN COURSE OF ARTICLE MANSOUR SAYS U.S. AND ISRAEL ARE AWARE THAT POSSIBILITY OF WAR EXISTS AND THAT MILITARY OPERATIONS CAN BEGIN "AT ANY MOMENT." MANSOUR ALSO CLAIMS WASHINGTON AND TEL AVIV HAD EXCHANGED MESSAGES REGARDING EGYPTIAN MILITARY MOVEMENTS; HE ADDED THAT EGYPT SOMETIMES RAISES ITS DEGREE OF MILITARY ALERT, AND CLAIMS EGYPT HAS RECENTLY DONE SO THREE TIMES.

3. SADAT'S TRAVELS. AHRAH'S DIPLOMATIC EDITOR (HAMDI FUAD) HAS "LEARNED" THAT SADAT WILL FLY DIRECTLY TO VIENNA AFTER CAMP DAVID MEETING TO INFORM CHANCELLOR KREISKY ABOUT RESULTS OF SUMMIT. FUAD REPORTS SADAT WILL THEN FLY TO SALZBURG TO SPEND TWO DAYS BEFORE HE RETURNS TO CAIRO. ON WAY TO U.S. SADAT PLANS TO SPEND EVENING IN PARIS WITH GISCARD D'ESTAING. FUAD REPORTS EACH LEADER GOING TO CAMP DAVID WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY LIMITED DELEGATION NOT EXCEEDING NINE PERSONS. AS TO ISSUES PARTIES WILL DISCUSS AT CAMP DAVID, FUAD CLAIMS U.S. HAS ASKED EGYPT AND ISRAEL TO PRESENT COMPLETE REPORT OF ALL ISSUES THEY WISH DISCUSSED. U.S. WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH CAIRO AND TEL AVIV WITHIN COMING TWO WEEKS

TO CRYSTALIZE THESE IDEAS INTO WORKING PAPER WITH VIEW
TO REACHING FINAL CONCLUSIONS AT CAMP DAVID.

4. SOVIET CRITICISM. AKHBAR EDITORIAL AUGUST 13 STRONGLY
REPLIES TO TASS CHARGE THAT RESULT OF CAMP DAVID WOULD
BE SEPARATE PEACE BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL WHICH U.S.
WOULD GUARANTEE BY STATIONING TROOPS IN MIDDLE EAST.
AKHBAR SAYS SOVIET CHARGE INDICATES BITTERNESS AND
DISAPPOINTMENT WHICH MOSCOW HAS EXPRESSED BECAUSE EGYPT
HAS DEFEATED SOVIET MONOPOLY AND AMBITIONS IN THE MIDDLE
EAST AND LIBERATED ITSELF FROM SOVIET TRUSTEESHIP. EDI-

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TORIAL DESCRIBES SOVIET CHARGES AS UNWORTHY OF DISCUSSION
AND ATTENTION.

5. BEGIN. NOTABLY ABSENT IN ANIS MANSOUR'S WEEKLY
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PATTERN SEEN IN PRESS SINCE LAST FRIDAY WHERE IMPERSONAL

CRITICISM HAS BEEN DIRECTED AT BEGIN'S STAND AND ATTITUDES. EILTS

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